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Hello,

With regards to proposed Motion to divest from Hewlett-Packard, as this Motion is proposed by the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, I would like to draw your attention to some aspects of the BDS movement, to provide additional context to their Divestment proposal.

1. Several statements by BDS leaders indicate that the real goal of the BDS movement is the destruction of the Jewish State of Israel . For instance, Omar Barghouti, the founder of the BDS movement has said "most definitely we oppose a Jewish state in any part of Palestine.". Video footage of his speech can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYvpsGd8K4Y

2. BDS groups have been supporting terrorism, have been convicted of violent crimes, hounding Israeli/Jewish businesses, and are engaging in antisemitic racist hate speech and Holocaust denial.

3. Several BDS groups supports a convicted terrorist - Rasmea Odeh - who murdered 2 American students in a supermarket bombing. Please see screenshot below.

4. HAMAS, an organization classified by the United States, Canada, the European Union, Egypt, Israel, Australia and Japan as a terrorist organization, has praised BDS on its official twitter account on July 5, 2017, link and screenshot below

https://twitter.com/hamasinfoen/status/882627719829303296?lang=en

5. The US Congress has heard testimony on BDS fundraising for HAMAS terrorist group:

http://docs.house.gov/meetings/FA/FA18/20160419/104817/HHRG-114-FA18-Wstate-SchanzerJ-20160419.pdf

6. Several European countries have closed BDS bank accounts in major German, Austrian, Spanish and Irish banks. The accounts were closed due to BDS links to terrorist groups (Hamas, Islamic Jihad etc).

https://www.rte.ie/news/2016/1002/820919-ireland-palestine-banking/

http://www.thetower.org/5994-for-second-time-in-a-month-paypal-shuts-account-of-french-anti-israel-boycotters/

https://www.algemeiner.com/2016/05/19/french-bank-closes-account-of-bds-group/

7. BDS activists have been engaged in antisemitic hate speech. BDS activists in France have been convicted of Holocaust denial in France in 2016: http://www.savemysweden.com/bds-activists-in-france-convicted-of-holocaust-denial/

8. BDS activists have been engaged in criminal violent intimidation and hounding of Jeiwsh and Israeli owned businesses. In the UK on July 18, 2017 BDS activists were convicted of aggravated trespass and of failing to follow police orders and on September 30, 2017 - the leader of the BDS Campaign was found guilty of racial aggravated hate crime. http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/09/30/jeremy-corbyn-backed-groups-

activists-hounded-jewish-business/

In summary, the proposed Divestment proposal is part of a larger movement which aims to destroy the Jewish State of Israel, has strong links to proscribed terrorist organizations and engages in violence and racist hate speech.

If you against the destruction of Israel, against terrorism and against racism and hate speech, you should vote against the divestment proposal.

Best Regards,

Tomer Ilan

Appendix A - Hamas statement supporting the BDS movement

Appendix B - Students for Justice in Palestine, a BDS group, supporting Rasmea Odeh, a

convicted terrorist who murdered two American students

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